

## Maui students win top spots in nene contest

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Bailey Onaga of the Kamehameha Schools Maui Campus took the top prize in the logo contest, and Mary Klein of Makawao School was first in the art contest.

They will travel to Oahu on Monday to meet with Gov. Linda Lingle. Other prizes they received included a \$200 savings bond and a nene collectible stamp. They also became part of the Adopt a Nene program and will have their work on display at the Haleakala National Park ranger station.

The statewide contest was sponsored by Gateway to Paradise, which soon will incorporate into the nonprofit Nene Preservation & Awareness Society of Hawaii, in collaboration with the state Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife.

The contest was created to encourage children's creativity and generate awareness statewide for the endangered state bird, said a news release about the contest.

There were originally four categories: the nene coloring contest for kindergarten and 1st-graders; the art contest for grades 2 to 5; the logo contest for middle schools; and an essay contest for high schools. More than 400 entries were received in the first three categories.

The judging was performed by the Division of Forestry and Wildlife.

The winners of the Goose That Laid the Golden Egg Contest are:

$\frac{3}{4}$  Logo – First, Onaga; second, Lory Pacil, Kamehameha Schools Maui Campus; third (and a special prize for artistic excellence), Lacey Farm, Kamehameha Schools Maui Campus; fourth, Chelsey Borge, St. Anthony School.

$\frac{3}{4}$  Art – First, Klein; second, Taiga Hashimoto, Kahala Elementary School on Oahu; third, Daniel Fonseca, St. Anthony School; fourth, Malia Refamonte, Wilcox Elementary School on Kauai.

$\frac{3}{4}$  Coloring – First, Kelli Jim, Kapaa Elementary School on Kauai; second, Mindy Montalvo, St. Anthony School; third, Mikala Souza De Blake, Kapaa Elementary School; fourth, Kason Gomes, Waihee Elementary School.

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